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## DANVILLE WOMAN INDICTED FOR BENEFIT FRAUD

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Mary D. Doyon, age 41, of Danville, NH was arraigned today in U.S. District Court in Concord on an indictment charging her with defrauding the Social Security Disability Insurance ("SSDI") Program. Doyon was released on her own personal recognizance.

The indictment, returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Concord, charged Doyon with theft of government funds, alleging that from July, 1998 to January, 2003 she received \$45,000 in SSDI disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, to which she was not entitled.

The SSDI program, which is administered by the Social Security Administration ("SSA"), is a federally funded program which provides benefits to individuals who are unable to work because they have a physical and psychological disability.

The indictment charges that from March, 1998 to January, 2003, Doyon failed to inform SSA that she was employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If convicted, Doyon faces a maximum ten year prison sentence and a maximum fine of \$250,000. A trial date has been scheduled for September of this year.

The case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Irish.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY COLANTUONO REMINDS THE PUBLIC THAT AN INDICTMENT IS ONLY AN ALLEGATION AND NOT PROOF OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT. AS IN ALL CASES, EACH DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.